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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO



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Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters of key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

*Cover Photo: Snow Surveyors near Ship Creek,
Alaska snow course.*

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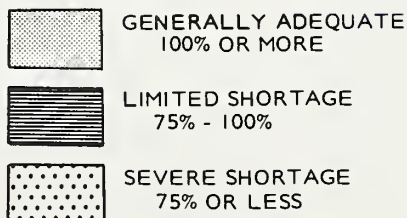
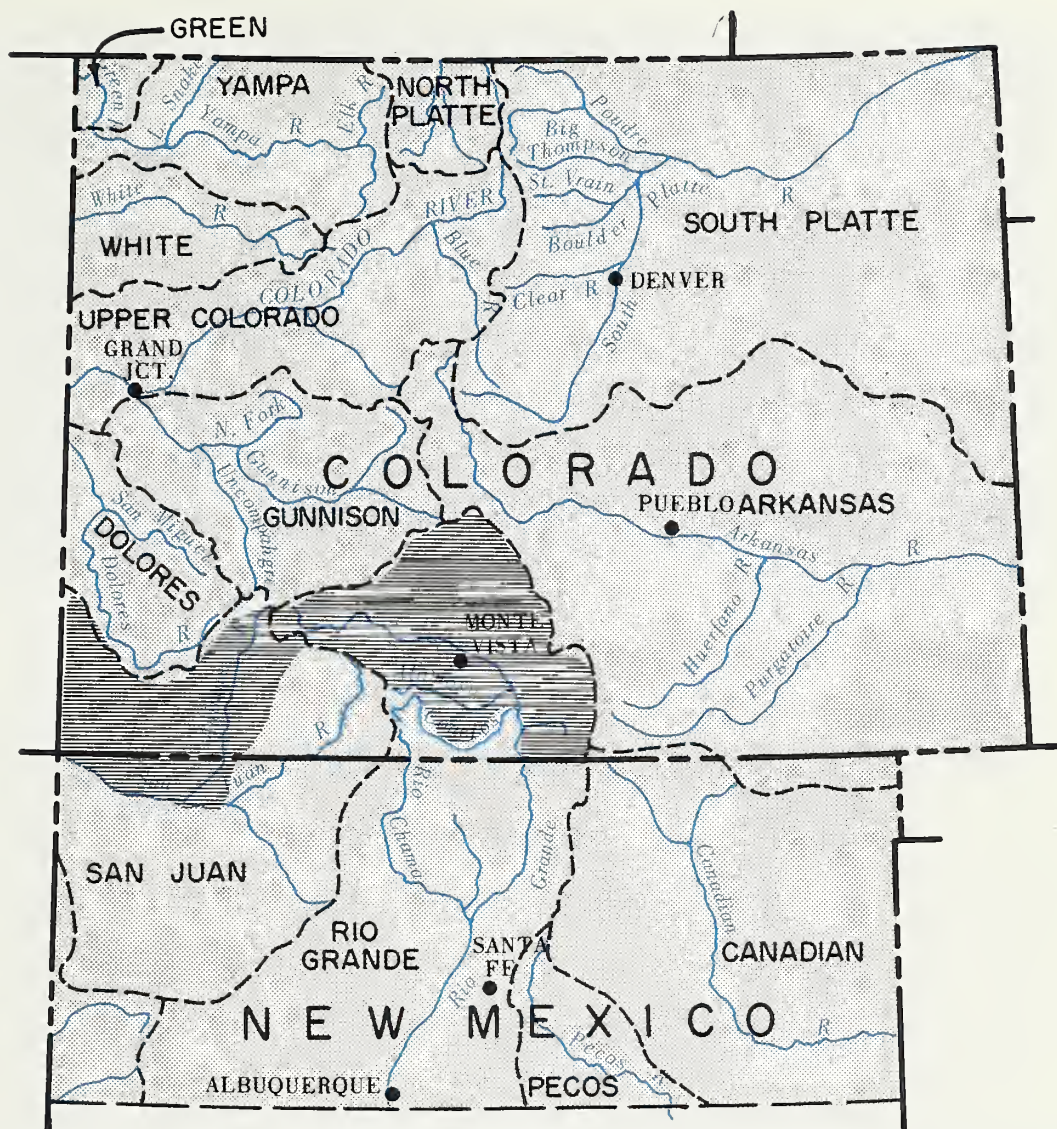
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

as of

MARCH 1, 1974



The map on this page indicates the most probable water supply as of the date of this report. Estimates assume average conditions of snow fall, precipitation and other factors from this date to the end of the forecast period. As the season progresses accuracy of estimates improve. In addition to expected streamflow, reservoir storage, soil moisture in irrigated areas, and other factors are considered in estimating water supply. Estimates apply to irrigated areas along the main streams and may not indicate conditions on small tributaries.

WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

as of

MARCH 1, 1974

SNOWFALL DURING FEBRUARY WAS BELOW NORMAL OVER BOTH STATES. MOST AREAS STILL HAVE ABOVE NORMAL SNOWPACKS. THE SOUTH PLATTE AND RIO GRANDE DRAINAGES IN COLORADO ARE THE MOST DEFICIENT. NONE OF THE AREAS ARE CRITICALLY LOW. RESERVOIR STORAGE IN BOTH STATES IS GOOD AND WILL PROVIDE EXCELLENT SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPLIES. SOILS IN THE IRRIGATED AREAS OF COLORADO ARE GOOD. POOR CONDITIONS EXIST IN SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO.



COLORADO

THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE STATE STILL HAS AN EXCELLENT SNOWPACK DESPITE THE DEFICIENT SNOWFALL DURING FEBRUARY. THE REST OF THE STATE HAS SLIGHTLY BELOW TO JUST ABOVE NORMAL SNOW AS OF MARCH 1st. NO AREA IS CRITICALLY SHORT. SEVERAL MONTHS OF SNOWFALL IN THE MOUNTAINS STILL REMAIN. THE BIG THOMPSON HAS EXCELLENT STORAGE AS DOES THE DENVER WATER SYSTEM. MOST OF THE REST OF THE STATE HAS AT LEAST NORMAL STORAGE. SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS IN THE IRRIGATED AREAS ARE REPORTED AS GOOD IN THE CENTRAL AND NORTHERN PORTIONS AND FAIR IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE STATE.



NEW MEXICO

THE SNOWPACK AT MOST OF THE HIGH ELEVATIONS IN NEW MEXICO IS STILL GOOD. THE OVERALL PACK IS 119% OF NORMAL ON THE RIO GRANDE, 132% ON THE CHAMA, AND 145% ON THE PECOS. IF THE REMAINING MONTHS PRODUCE AT LEAST NORMAL SNOW, WATER SUPPLIES SHOULD BE AT LEAST ADEQUATE THIS SUMMER. ELEPHANT BUTTE CONTAINS 879,000 ACRE FEET WHICH IS NEARLY TWICE NORMAL. ALL OTHER RESERVOIRS HAVE GOOD CARRY-OVER. SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS ARE POOR.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) Apr-Sept

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average ⁺
Big Thompson at Drake (1)	115	107	107
Boulder at Orodell	52	106	49
Cache La Poudre at Canyon Mouth (2)	260	105	247
Clear Cr. at Golden (3)	135	107	127
Saint Vrain at Lyons (4)	78	104	75

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Bear Creek	Exc.	Avg.
Coal Creek	Exc.	Avg.
North Fork of South Platte	Exc.	Avg.
North Fork of Cache La Poudre	Exc.	Avg.
Ralston Creek	Exc.	Avg.
Rock Creek	Exc.	Avg.

(1) Observed flow plus by-pass to power plants. (2) Observed flow minus trans-basin diversions plus municipal and irrigation diversions. (3) Observed flow minus diversion through August P. Gumlick Tunnel. (4) Observed flow plus change in storage in Price Reservoir.

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average ⁺
Big Thompson	5	120	107
Boulder	3	132	109
Cache La Poudre	8	119	117
Clear Creek	6	133	102
Saint Vrain	3	114	95
South Platte	3	91	82

SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average ⁺
Big Thompson	3	82	74
Boulder	1	100	82
Cache La Poudre	2	110	100
Clear Creek	2	96	98
Saint Vrain	2	95	70
South Platte	2	100	117

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average ⁺
Antero	33.0	15.9	15.9	13.9
Barr Lake	32.2	26.6	26.5	22.6
Black Hollow	8.0	4.6	4.4	3.8
Boyd Lake	44.0	44.0	37.5	36.5
Cache La Poudre	9.5	7.5	7.8	7.8
Carter Lake	108.9	91.3	95.1	87.1
Chambers Lake	8.8	3.7	4.4	3.3
Cheesman	79.0	50.4	41.4	56.7
Cobb Lake	34.0	19.3	21.0	15.1
Eleven Mile	97.8	97.8	90.9	87.0
Fossil Creek	11.6	7.4	8.8	7.3
Gross	43.1	29.3	24.0	28.6

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average ⁺
Halligan	6.4	6.4	5.1	4.4
Horsetooth	143.5	122.6	95.2	96.6
Lake Loveland	14.3	11.3	8.7	9.1
Lone Tree	9.2	8.3	8.5	6.5
Mariano	5.4	5.0	5.1	4.9
Marshall	10.3	7.5	3.5	4.2
Marston	18.0	16.0	14.5	14.6
Milton	24.4	14.1	13.3	13.3
Standley	42.0	35.2	20.5	17.3
Terry Lake	8.2	5.2	5.8	5.0
Union	12.7	12.7	10.4	9.5
Windsor	18.6	10.8	12.7	10.2



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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE ARKANSAS RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO

as of
MARCH 1, 1974

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FEBRUARY SNOWFALL WAS SLIGHTLY BELOW NORMAL, HOWEVER, THE SNOWPACK IS STILL ABOVE NORMAL. SUMMER FLOWS SHOULD BE NEAR NORMAL IF THE NEXT FEW MONTHS PROVIDE AT LEAST AVERAGE SNOWFALL. SMALL STREAMS SHOULD FLOW GOOD DURING THE EARLY SEASON IF SPRING TEMPERATURES ARE AT LEAST NORMAL. CARRY-OVER STORAGE IS SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR AND NEAR NORMAL. SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS ARE REPORTED AS GOOD.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) Apr-Sept

FORECAST POINT	FORE-CAST	% of Average	Average [†]
Arkansas nr Pueblo (1)	320	110	290
Arkansas at Salida (1)	325	105	313
Cucharas nr LaVeta	11	110	10
Purgatoire at Trinidad	38	100	38

(1) Observed flow plus change in Clear Creek, Twin Lakes and Turquoise Reservoirs minus diversions through Bush Ivanhoe, Boustead, Divide, Twin Lakes and Homestake Tunnels and Ewing, Front Pass, Wurtz and Columbine ditches.

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average [†]
Arkansas	10	125	112
Cucharas and Purgatoire	2	135	146

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Apishapa	Exc.	Avg.
Fountain Creek	Exc.	Avg.
Grape	Exc.	Avg.
Hardscable Creek	Exc.	Avg.
Huerfano	Exc.	Avg.
Monument Creek	Exc.	Avg.

SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average [†]
Arkansas	3	101	113
Cucharas and Purgatoire	2	79	75

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average [†]
Adobe	61.6	18.0	0.0	17.3
Clear Creek	11.4	3.8	5.7	8.2
Cucharas	40.0	6.1	0.0	2.9
Great Plains	150.0	43.5	25.2	58.7
Horse Creek	26.9	0.0	0.0	6.7

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average [†]
John Martin	353.9	23.9	17.1	90.1
Meredith	41.9	27.2	22.5	13.1
Model	15.0	1.3	---	3.5
Turquoise	120.5	48.1	40.0	---
Twin Lakes	57.9	41.7	25.5	25.9

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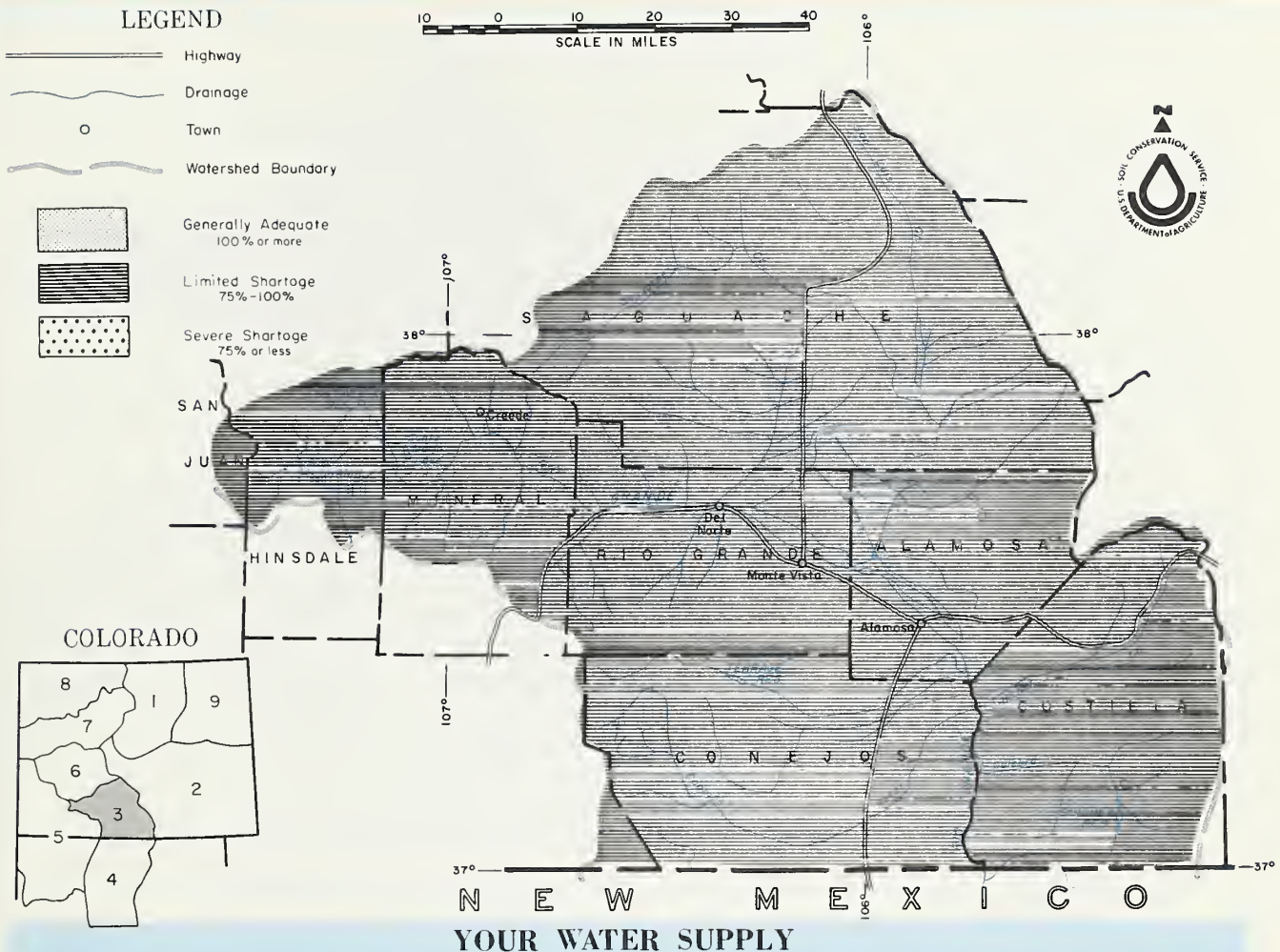
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE UPPER RIO GRANDE WATERSHED IN COLORADO

as of
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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS ARE BELOW THE 1958-72 AVERAGE ON THE RIO GRANDE AND ITS TRIBUTARIES IN COLORADO. ABOVE AVERAGE SNOWFALL IS NEEDED TO ASSURE AVERAGE STREAMFLOWS FOR THIS SEASON. HOWEVER, RESERVOIR STORAGE IS EXCELLENT, BEING 180% OF AVERAGE AND 236% OF LAST YEAR. SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS IN THE MOUNTAINS ARE SLIGHTLY BELOW AVERAGE.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) Apr-Sept

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average ⁺
Alamosa abv Terrace	55	89	62
Conejos nr Mogote (1)	190	103	184
Culebra at San Luis (2)	15	88	17
Rio Grande at 30 Mile Bridge (3)	100	83	121
Rio Gr. nr Del Norte(3)	400	85	468
So. Fork at So. Fork	100	87	115

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Saguache Creek	Exc.	Avg.
Sangre de Cristo Cr.	Exc.	Avg.
Trinchera Creek	Exc.	Avg.

(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Platoro Reservoir. (2) Observed flow plus change in storage in Sanchez Reservoir. (3) Observed flow plus change in storage in Santa Maria, Rio Grande and Continental Reservoirs.

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average ⁺
Alamosa	2	66	104
Conejos	3	82	103
Culebra	2	115	131
Rio Grande	10	67	87

SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average ⁺
Alamosa	1	102	89
Conejos	1	102	89
Culebra	1	93	84
Rio Grande	3	86	79

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average ⁺
Continental	26.7	2.4	4.8	5.2
Platoro	60.0	37.5	2.9	8.6
Rio Grande	45.8	26.8	18.4	16.9

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average ⁺
Sanchez	103.2	17.5	5.9	13.2
Santa Maria	45.0	7.2	4.8	6.0
Terrace	17.7	9.3	5.7	5.5

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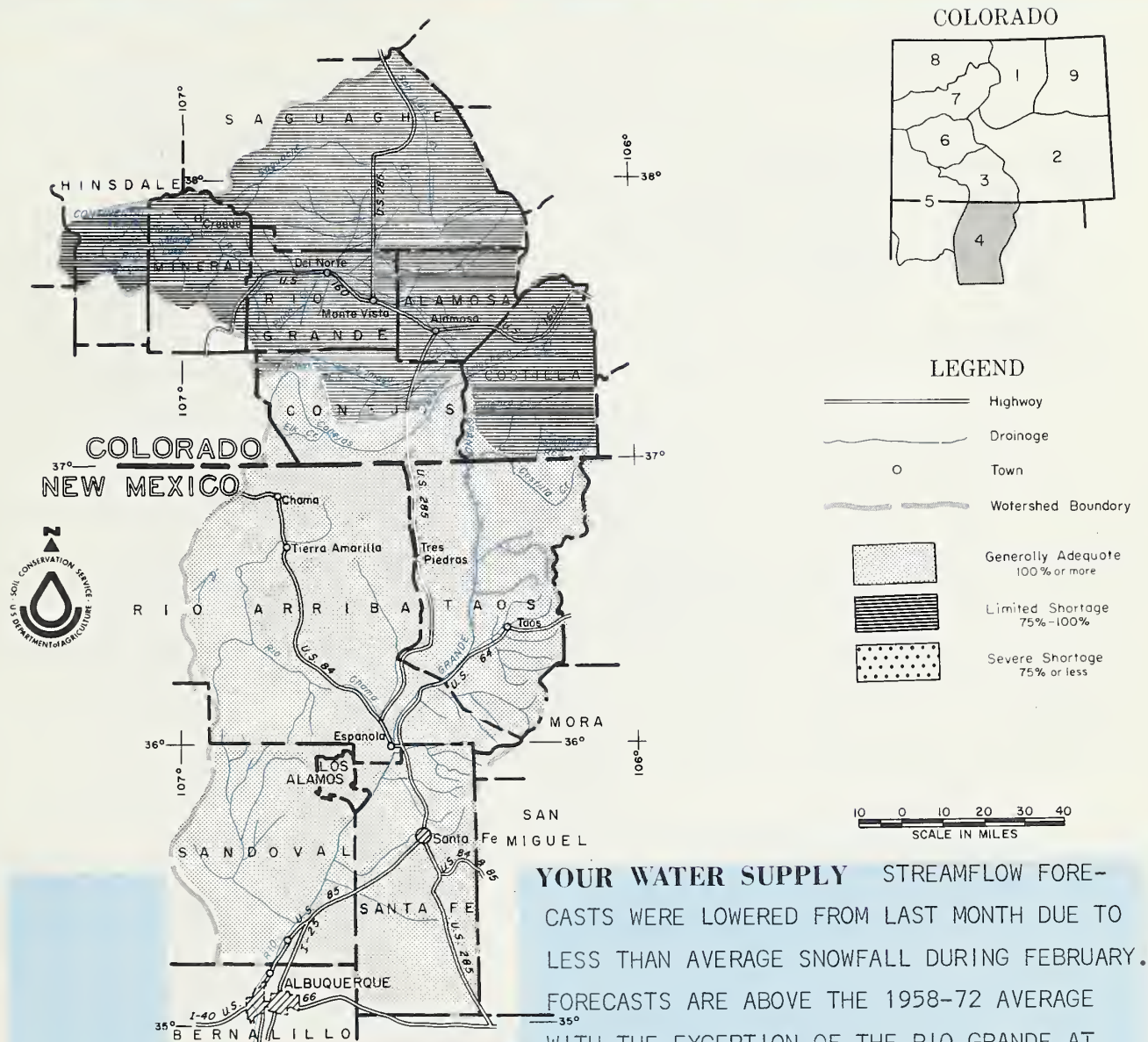
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WITH AVERAGE SNOWFALL THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON, STREAMFLOW SHOULD BE AVERAGE TO SLIGHTLY ABOVE. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS MUCH ABOVE AVERAGE. ELEPHANT BUTTE HAS 879,000 ACRE FEET COMPARED TO 382,000 LAST YEAR AND 439,000 AVERAGE. CABALLO AND McMILLEN AVALON ARE SLIGHTLY BELOW LAST YEAR AND THE AVERAGE.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) Mar-Jul

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average ⁺
Costilla at Cost. (1)	18	95	19
Pecos at Pecos	55	134	41
Rio Chama at El Vado	200	109	184
Rio Grande at Otowi (2)	525	100	526
Rio Gr. at San Mar (2)	375	106	355
Rio Hondo nr Valdez	16	114	14
Red R. at mouth nr Questa	30	103	29
Jemez R. nr Jemez	30	103	29
Santa Cruz at Cundiyo	17	131	13

The forecast of the Rio Grande at San Marcial is $\frac{1}{2}$ % of the Average used by the Elephant Butte Irrigation District. (1) Observed flow plus change in Costilla Reservoir. (2) Observed flow plus change in storage in El Vado and Abiquiu Reservoir.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Embudo Creek	Exc.	Avg.
Mora River	Exc.	Avg.
Nambe Creek	Exc.	Avg.
Rio Ojo Caliente	Exc.	Avg.
Rio Pueblo de Taos	Exc.	Avg.
Santa Fe Creek	Exc.	Avg.

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average ⁺
Pecos	1	83	145
Rio Chama	4	104	132
Rio Grande, NM	10	85	119
Red River	2	83	120

SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average ⁺
Pecos	2	100	86
Rio Chama	2	173	139
Rio Grande	4	80	106
Red River	1	94	71

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average ⁺
Alamogordo	111	100	87	79
Caballo	344	60	73	87
Conchas	273	175	143	186
Elephant Butte	2195	879	382	439

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average ⁺
El Vado	195	127	23	3
McMillen-Avalon	32	14	33	20

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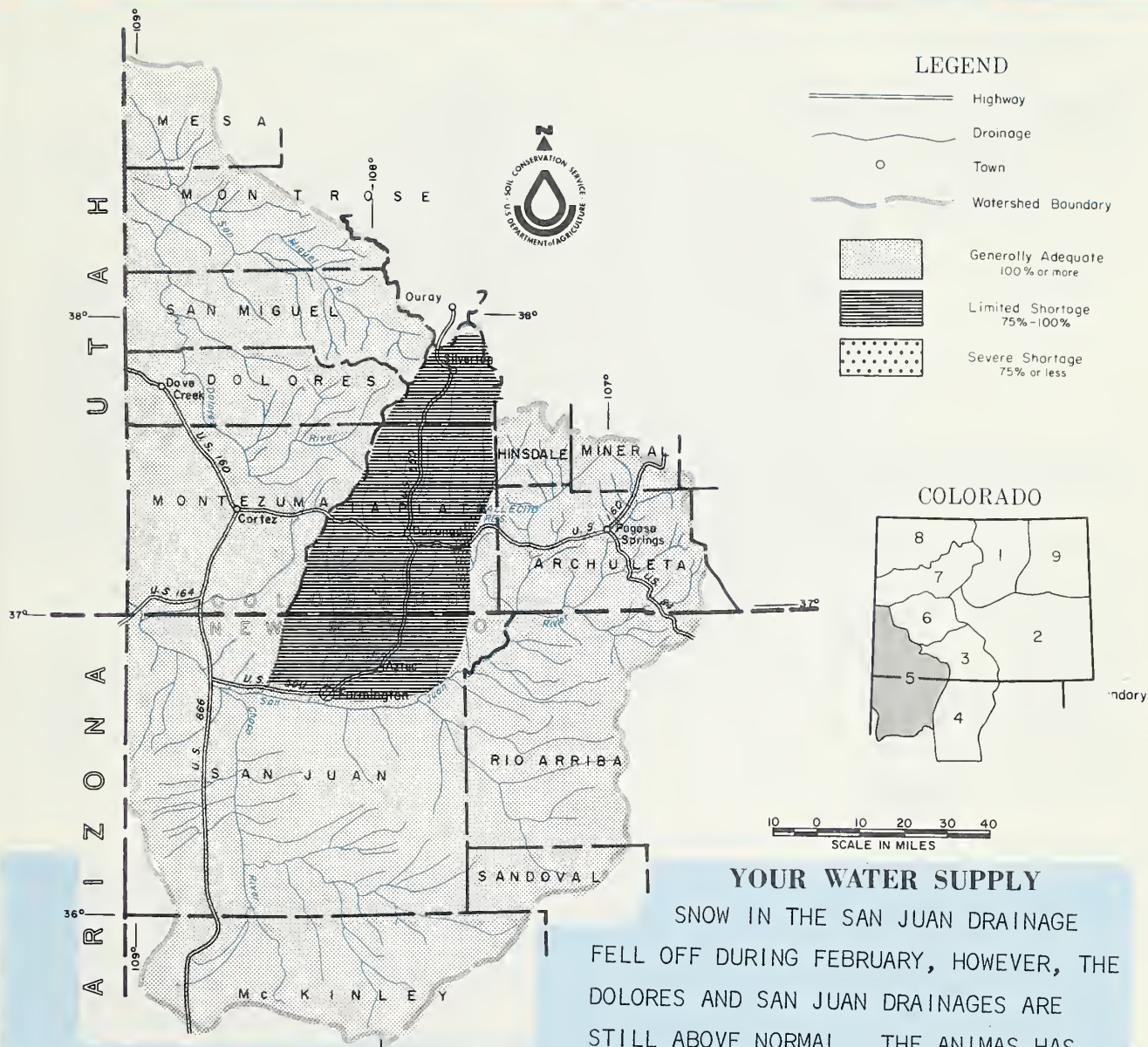


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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE SAN MIGUEL, DOLORES, ANIMAS, AND SAN JUAN WATERSHEDS IN COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO

as of
MARCH 1, 1974

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YOUR WATER SUPPLY
SNOW IN THE SAN JUAN DRAINAGE FELL OFF DURING FEBRUARY, HOWEVER, THE DOLORES AND SAN JUAN DRAINAGES ARE STILL ABOVE NORMAL. THE ANIMAS HAS NOW FALLEN BELOW THE 15 YEAR NORMAL. MOST FORECASTS ARE STILL NEAR NORMAL. MORE SNOW IS DEFINITELY NEEDED TO INSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES THIS SUMMER. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS ABOVE NORMAL. SOIL MOISTURE IS REPORTED TO BE FROM FAIR TO GOOD.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) Apr-Sept

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average +
Animas at Durango	385	91	423
Dolores at Dolores	230	100	232
La Plata at Hesperus	21	88	24
Los Pinos at Bayfield (1)	175	88	198
Piedra Cr. at Arboles	180	97	185
San Juan at Carracas	345	97	354
Inflow to Navajo Rs. (1) (Apr-Jul)	600	100	597

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Florida	Avg.	Avg.
Mancos	Avg.	Avg.
San Miguel	Fair	Avg.

(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Vallecito Reservoir.

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average +
Animas	6	72	91
Dolores	4	90	115
San Juan	5	76	101

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average +
Animas	3	85	97
Dolores	3	85	97
San Juan	3	85	97

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
Groundhog	22	15	7	9
Lemon	40	19	21	19
Navajo	1696	985	883	543
Vallecito	126	70	74	54
Narraguinnep		5	16	--
Jackson Gulch		6	5	4

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +

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YOUR WATER SUPPLY

THERE WAS SLIGHTLY LESS SNOWFALL ON THE GUNNISON DRAINAGE THAN NORMAL DURING FEBRUARY, HOWEVER THE SNOWPACK IS STILL ABOVE NORMAL. FORECASTS RANGE FROM 102% ON THE UPPER GUNNISON TO 114% ON THE LOWER GUNNISON. LOW ELEVATION SNOW IS GOOD. CARRY-OVER STORAGE IS SLIGHTLY ABOVE NORMAL AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS ARE GOOD.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) Apr-Sept

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average +
Gunnison R. inflow to Blue Mesa Res. (1)	800	102	793
Gunnison nr Grand Junction (2)	1350	114	1184
N. Fork of Gunnison (3)	300	114	263
Surface Creek nr Cedaredge	16	100	16
Uncompahgre at Colona	145	108	134

(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Taylor Reservoir. (2) Observed flow plus change in storage in Blue Mesa, Morrow Point and Taylor Reservoirs.
 (3) Observed flow plus change in storage in Paonia Reservoir.

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average +
Gunnison	12	101	111
Surface Creek	3	86	99
Uncompahgre	3	90	107

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Taylor	Exc.	Avg.

SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average +
Gunnison	1	118	130
Surface Creek	1	92	110
Uncompahgre	2	92	104

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +
Blue Mesa	830	360	315	354
Morrow Point	121	115	115	109
Taylor	106	63	40	65

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average +

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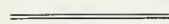



"The Conservation of Water begins with the Snow Survey"

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO

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LEGEND

-  Highway
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-  Town
-  Watershed Boundary



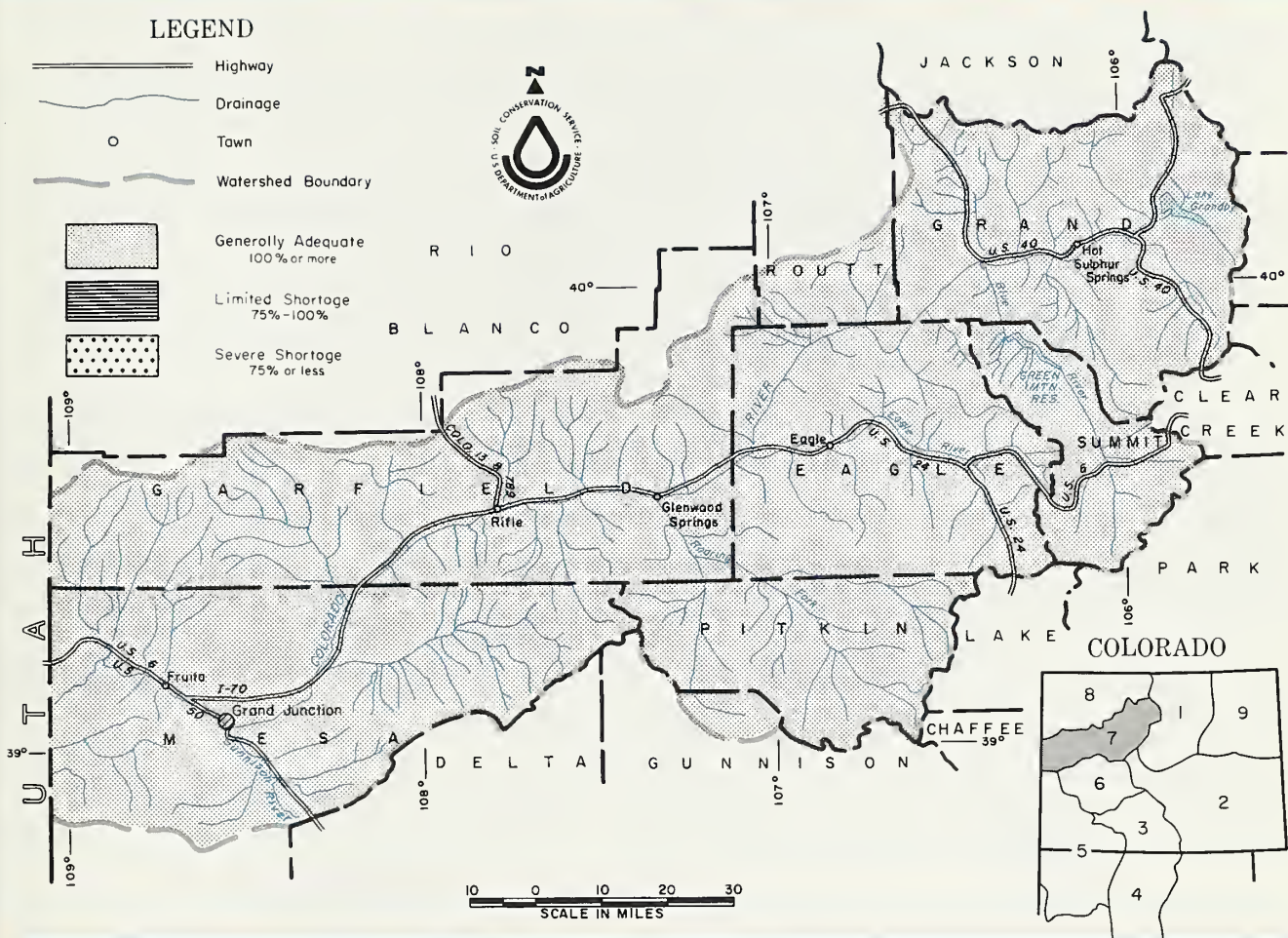
Generally Adequate
100% or more



Limited Shortage
75%-100%



Severe Shortage
75% or less



YOUR WATER SUPPLY

SNOWPACK CONDITIONS IN THE COLORADO BASIN ARE NEAR NORMAL TO SLIGHTLY ABOVE ON ALL TRIBUTARIES. THEREFORE, STREAMFLOW FORECASTS RANGE FROM NEAR THE 1958-72 AVERAGE ON THE BLUE RIVER AND COLORADO MAINSTEM TO 126% ON THE WILLIAMS FORK. SNOWFALL DURING THE MONTH WAS SLIGHTLY LESS THAN NORMAL BUT THE LOW ELEVATION SNOW COURSES ARE CONSIDERABLY ABOVE AVERAGE. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS ABOVE LAST YEAR'S IN DILLON RESERVOIR AND SLIGHTLY LOWER IN GRANBY, GREEN MOUNTAIN AND WILLIAMS FORK RESERVOIR. SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS ARE REPORTED AS GOOD.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) Apr-Sept

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average ⁺
Blue R. inflow to Dillon	170	100	169
Blue Abv Green Mt. (1)	300	101	297
Colo. R. inflow to Granby Res. (2)	240	105	228
Colo. R. nr Dotsero (3)	1475	103	1434
Roaring Fk. at Glenwood (4)	750	105	713
Wm Fk. nr Parshall (5)	80	126	63
Willow Cr. inflow to Willow Cr. Res.	55	117	47
Colorado nr Cameo (6)	2500	105	2370

(1) Observed flow plus diversions through Roberts Tunnel and change in storage in Dillon Reservoir. (2) Observed flow corrected for change in storage in Lake Granby as furnished by U.S.B.R. and diversions by Adams Tunnel and Grand River Ditch. (3) Observed flow plus the changes as indicated in (1), (2) and (5) plus Moffat Ditch and change in Homestake, Williams Fork, Green Mt. and Willow Creek Reservoirs. (4) Observed flow plus diversions through Divide and Twin Lakes Tunnels plu change in storage in Ruedi Reservoir. (5) Observed flow plus diversions through August P. Gumlick Tunnel. (6) Observed flow plus the changes as indicated in (3) and (5).

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average ⁺
Blue River	8	131	102
Colorado	20	128	114
Plateau	3	87	98
Roaring Fork	7	115	111
Williams Fork	3	131	133
Willow	2	147	115

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Brush	Exc.	Avg.
Eagle River	Exc.	Avg.
Gypsum Creek	Exc.	Avg.

SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average ⁺
Blue River	1	103	118
Colorado	5	94	100
Roaring Fork	1	56	80
Willow	2	96	108

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average ⁺
Dillon	254	239	219	233
Granby	466	388	333	235
Green Mountain	147	73	77	67
Homestake	43	27	18	17

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average ⁺
Ruedi	101	62	62	65
Vega	32	14	14	11
Williams Fork	97	46	57	29
Willow Creek	9	7		7

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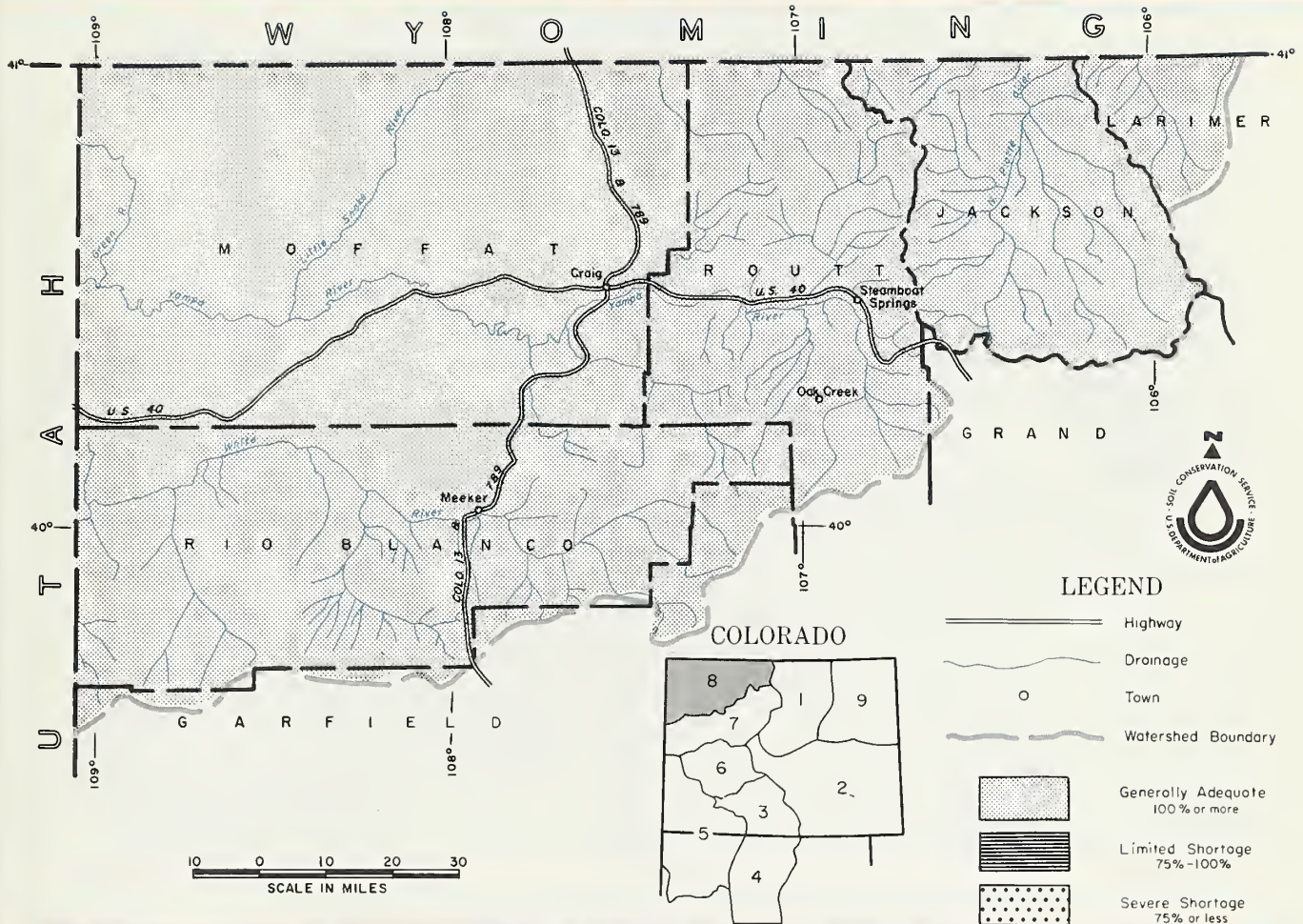


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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE YAMPA, WHITE, AND NORTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHEDS IN COLORADO

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YOUR WATER SUPPLY

SNOWFALL IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE STATE STILL REMAINS HIGH. EVEN THE LOW ELEVATION SNOW IS MUCH ABOVE NORMAL. IF THE SNOWPACK CONTINUES TO FALL AT EVEN A NORMAL RATE, SUMMER FLOWS SHOULD BE EXCELLENT. SMALL STREAMS SHOULD ALSO HAVE EXCELLENT FLOWS THIS SUMMER. SOIL MOISTURE IN THE IRRIGATED AREAS IS REPORTED TO BE EXCELLENT.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) Apr-Sept

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average ⁺
Elk at Clark	225	114	198
Laramie nr Woods	197	155	127
Little Snake at Lily	450	139	324
N. Platte at Northgate	400	167	240
White nr Meeker	300	102	295
Yampa nr Maybell	1100	118	905
Yampa at Steamboat Springs	325	119	274

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
Canadian River	Exc.	Exc.
Hunt Creek	Exc.	Exc.
Illinois River	Exc.	Exc.
Michigan River	Exc.	Exc.
Oak Creek	Exc.	Exc.
Trout Creek	Exc.	Exc.

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average ⁺
Elk	1	137	110
Laramie	2	142	123
North Platte	5	126	117
White	2	108	102
Yampa	5	132	117

SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average ⁺
Laramie	2	110	100
North Platte	2	96	108
Yampa	1	71	102

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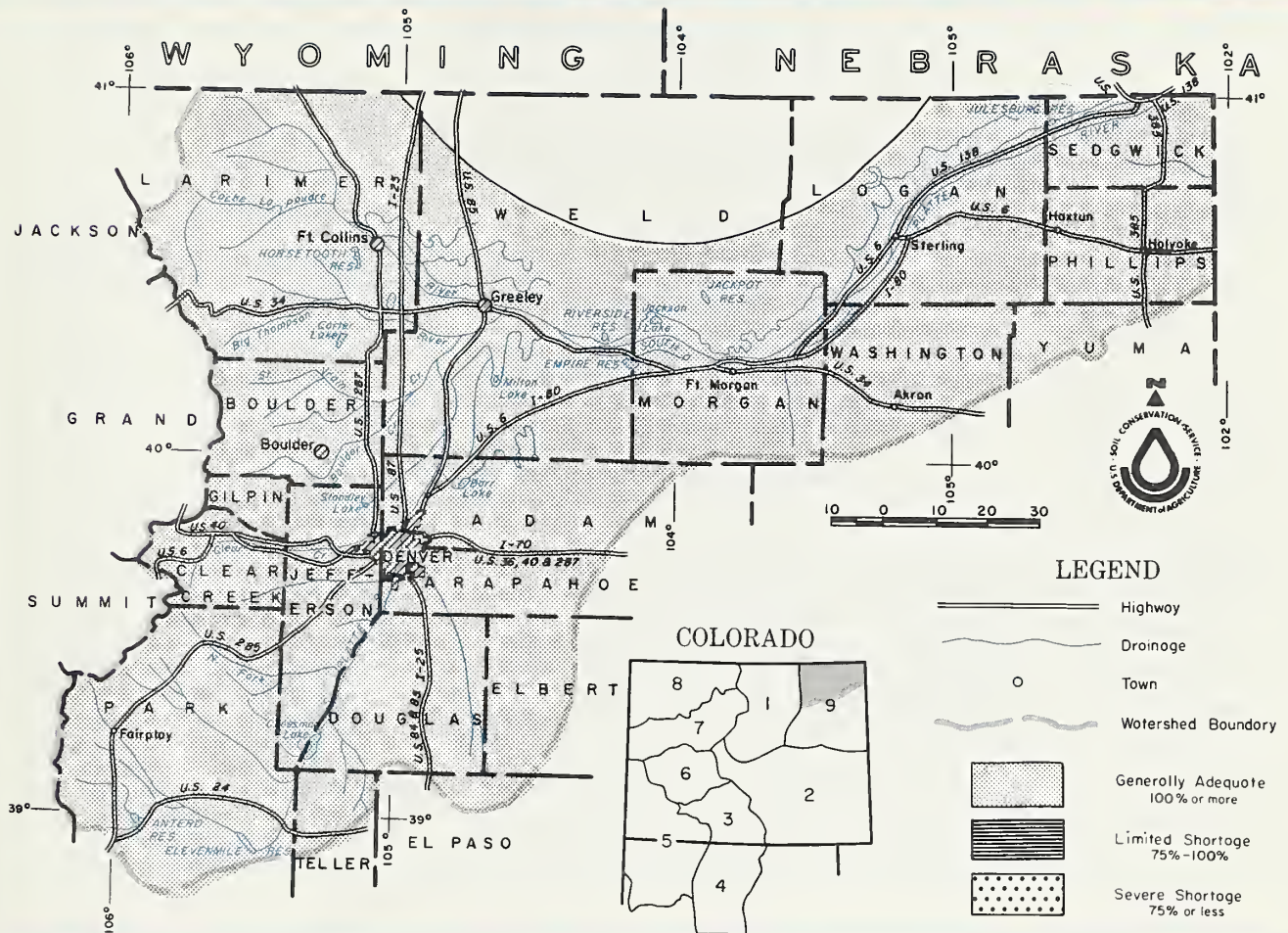


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YOUR WATER SUPPLY

FEBRUARY SNOW WAS SLIGHTLY LESS THAN NORMAL BUT THE SNOWPACK IS STILL GENERALLY ABOVE NORMAL. THE UPPER SOUTH PLATTE AND THE ST. VRAIN ARE THE ONLY TWO DRAINAGES THAT HAVE LESS THAN NORMAL SNOW. ALL STREAMS IN THE BASIN SHOULD FLOW NEAR THE NEW 15 YEAR AVERAGE. CARRY-OVER STORAGE IS 104% OF NORMAL AND WILL PROVIDE SOME SUPPLEMENTAL WATER. SMALL STREAMS SHOULD FLOW ABOUT NORMAL. SOIL MOISTURE IS GOOD.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) Apr-Sept

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	% of Average	Average ⁺
Big Thompson at Drake (1)	115	107	107
Boulder at Orodell	55	106	49
Cache La Poudre at Canyon Mouth (2)	260	105	247
Clear Cr. at Golden (3)	135	107	127
Saint Vrain at Lyons (4)	78	104	75

(1) Observed flow plus by-pass to power plants. (2) Observed flow minus trans-basin diversions plus municipal and irrigation diversions. (3) Observed flow minus diversion through August P. Gumlick Tunnel. (4) Observed flow plus change in storage in Price Reservoir.

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	Average ⁺
Big Thompson	5	120	107
Boulder	3	132	109
Cache La Poudre	8	119	117
Clear Creek	6	133	102
Saint Vrain	3	114	95
South Platte	3	91	82

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	Late Season
South Platte from Greeley to Ft. Morgan	Avg.	Avg.
South Platte from Ft. Morgan to Sterling	Avg.	Avg.
South Platte below Sterling	Avg.	Avg.

SOIL MOISTURE

RIVER BASIN	Number of Stations	THIS YEAR'S MOISTURE as PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average ⁺
Big Thompson	3	82	74
Boulder	1	100	82
Cache La Poudre	2	110	100
Clear Creek	2	96	98
Saint Vrain	2	95	70
South Platte	2	100	117

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average ⁺
Carter	108.9	91.3	95.1	87.1
Cheesman	79.0	50.4	41.4	56.7
Eleven Mile	97.8	97.8	90.9	87.0
Empire	37.7	8.5	26.5	29.6
Horsetooth	143.5	122.6	95.2	96.6

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	Average ⁺
Jackson	35.4	28.8	29.7	31.7
Julesburg	28.2	19.8	19.8	20.4
Prewitt	32.8	20.6	18.1	18.1
Point of Rocks	70.0	69.8	70.3	59.2
Riverside	57.5	57.5	53.2	53.0

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APPENDIX I

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS as of March 1, 1974

SNOW COURSE	CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	
				LAST YEAR	AVG 53 67
NORTH PLATTE BASIN					
<u>Laramie River</u>					
Deadman Hill	2/26	49	15.8	10.9	14.1
McIntyre	NS			---	---
Roach	2/26	60	19.9	14.3	14.9
<u>North Platte River</u>					
Cameron Pass	2/27	68	26.5	22.5	22.5
Columbine Lodge	2/26	71	23.5	16.1	20.4
Northgate	2/27	27	7.0	6.6	5.5
Park View	2/25	33	8.5	7.7	7.8
Willow Cr. Pass (B)	2/25	40	11.4	8.8	10.4
SOUTH PLATTE BASIN					
<u>Boulder Creek</u>					
Baltimore	2/26	26	7.3	5.9	6.2
Boulder Falls	2/26	40	11.7	8.7	10.3
University Camp	2/26	50	15.4	11.5	15.1
<u>Big Thompson River</u>					
Deer Ridge	2/27	18	4.8	5.7	4.0
Hidden Valley	2/28	31	9.1	9.0	8.1
Lake Irene (B)	2/26	59	19.0	14.9	19.0
Long's Peak	2/27	32	9.7	6.2	8.5
Two Mile	2/26	44	12.4	10.2	11.9
<u>Cache La Poudre</u>					
Bennett Creek	2/26	31	9.6	6.7	---
Big South	2/28	0	0.0	2.4	2.3
Cameron Pass	2/27	68	26.5	22.5	22.5
Chambers Lake	2/28	27	9.5	8.0	8.1
Deadman Hill	2/26	49	15.8	10.9	14.1
Hour Glass Lake	2/26	29	9.2	6.4	5.3
Joe Wright	2/27	63	21.9	18.2	---
Lost Lake	2/28	36	10.7	8.7	10.2
Pine Creek	2/26	10	2.6	2.9	1.6
Red Feather	2/26	25	6.8	6.2	5.4
<u>Clear Creek</u>					
Baltimore (B)	2/26	26	7.3	5.9	6.2
Berthoud Falls	2/26	46	13.5	9.6	11.6
Empire	2/26	28	7.6	4.3	6.0
Grizzly Peak (B)	2/26	52	15.3	9.5	14.6
Loveland Lift	2/27	43	12.0	12.8	16.9
Loveland Pass	2/27	46	13.6	10.1	12.7
<u>Saint Vrain River</u>					
Copeland Lake	2/27	15	3.8	4.1	3.8
Ward	2/28	19	4.0	4.9	4.8
Wild Basin	2/27	32	9.8	6.4	9.9
<u>South Platte River</u>					
Como	2/26	17	3.9	7.1	---
Geneva Park	2/27	14	2.8	3.9	3.3
Horseshoe Mt.	2/25	29	6.9	6.6	---
Hoosier Pass	2/27	36	9.8	8.5	10.6
Jefferson Creek	2/26	22	5.1	7.1	7.6
Mosquito	2/25	23	6.0	6.7	---
Trout Creek Pass	2/25	23	4.9	4.6	---
ARKANSAS BASIN					
<u>Arkansas River</u>					
Bigelow Divide	2/22	48	10.0	4.9	5.1
Cooper Hill (B)	3/01	37	10.2	7.4	9.0
East Fork	2/22	30	8.0	5.9	8.0
Four Mile Park	2/28	22	5.1	4.3	5.1
Fremont Pass	2/22	46	13.2	10.2	12.9
Garfield	2/25	41	13.2	12.5	11.3
Hermit Lake	2/26	31	9.8	8.6	---
Monarch Pass	2/25	51	15.6	14.4	14.0
Tennessee Pass	2/27	30	6.6	7.7	8.7
Twin Lakes Tunnel	2/26	30	8.5	6.0	8.9
Westcliffe	2/26	29	9.2	6.4	6.0

SNOW COURSE	CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	
				LAST YEAR	AVG. 53 67
<u>Cucharas River</u>					
Blue Lakes	2/28	20	6.9	3.6	---
Cucharas Pass	2/28	36	11.2	8.0	---
LaVeta Pass (B)	2/28	37	12.7	7.3	7.2
<u>Purgatoire River</u>					
Bourbon	2/26	24	6.4	6.8	5.9
RIO GRANDE BASIN-COLO					
<u>Alamosa River</u>					
Silver Lakes	2/28	23	5.4	9.8	5.1
Summitville	2/26	52	15.2	21.2	14.7
<u>Conejos River</u>					
Cumbres	2/25	54	17.6	19.0	16.5
LaManga	2/25	53	15.8	19.6	---
Platoro	2/27	43	13.2	17.8	13.9
River Springs	2/27	20	5.7	7.6	5.0
<u>Culebra River</u>					
Brown Cabin	2/28	25	7.3	6.9	---
Cottonwood (B)	2/28	19	5.5	6.0	---
Culebra	2/22	25	6.4	9.3	7.4
LaVeta Pass (B)	2/28	37	12.7	7.3	7.2
Trinchera (B)	2/27	28	8.4	8.6	---
<u>Rio Grande</u>					
Cochetopa Pass	2/26	24	5.4	5.8	4.8
Grayback	2/26	42	12.3	17.4	---
Hiway	2/27	51	18.3	26.2	19.5
Lake Humphrey	2/25	21	3.5	7.6	6.1
Love Lake	2/27	24	5.4	11.6	---
Pass Creek	2/27	34	10.3	16.0	9.9
Pool Table	2/25	17	2.5	5.7	6.0
Porcupine	2/28	24	6.0	8.2	9.1
Santa Maria	2/27	16	3.2	5.0	4.1
Upper Rio Grande	2/27	21	5.3	10.2	7.6
Wolf Creek Pass	2/27	60	21.6	27.5	22.0
Wolf Creek Sum. (B)	2/27	64	20.7	31.7	22.5
RIO GRANDE BASIN-NM					
<u>Pecos River</u>					
Panchuela	2/27	16	4.8	5.8	3.3
<u>Rio Chama</u>					
Bateman	2/28	32	11.6	11.0	9.3
Capulin	2/27	23	5.4	4.7	3.7
Chama Divide	3/01	18	4.4	5.1	3.0
Chamita	2/27	30	9.3	8.7	7.3
<u>Rio Grande</u>					
Big Tesuque	2/25	31	8.6	9.6	4.9
Blue Bird Mesa	2/28	16	4.3	4.1	4.0
Cordova	2/25	33	9.6	8.3	9.6
Elk Cabin	2/25	20	6.2	6.4	3.1
Hopewell	2/26	47	15.7	15.0	---
La Cueva	2/27	23	6.2	7.3	---
Pajarito Peak	2/28	4	1.4	2.3	1.2
Payrole	2/26	27	8.1	9.5	7.8
Quemazon	2/27	28	8.1	9.7	7.8
Rio En Medio	2/25	40	11.7	13.2	8.0
Sandoval	2/27	15	4.4	6.2	4.5
Taos Canyon	2/26	19	5.6	6.4	3.8
Teakettle	2/26	33	8.3	9.3	---
Tres Ritos	2/26	20	5.2	7.7	4.6
<u>Red River</u>					
Hematite Park (B)	2/25	14	4.7	6.0	3.5
Red River	2/25	19	5.6	6.3	5.0

NOTE: NS - No Survey
(B) - On adjacent drainage

APPENDIX I

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS as of March 1, 1974

SNOW COURSE	CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	
				LAST YEAR	AVG. 53-67
SAN JUAN-DOLORES BASIN					
<u>Animas River</u>					
Cascade	2/27	35	10.8	14.1	10.0
Lemon	2/28	27	7.4	11.2	---
Mineral Creek	2/27	35	10.6	16.2	12.9
Molas Lake	2/27	36	11.1	13.8	11.2
Purgatory	2/27	44	12.4	22.9	---
Red Mt. Pass (B)	2/27	65	21.6	29.9	25.4
Silverton Sub-Sta	2/27	26	7.3	10.6	6.7
Spud Mountain	2/26	50	16.7	24.1	19.7
<u>Dolores River</u>					
Lizard Head	2/27	48	15.1	16.5	13.9
Lone Cone	3/01	50	16.5	15.1	---
Rico	2/27	30	8.3	10.5	7.2
Telluride	2/27	33	8.7	9.3	6.7
Trout Lake	2/27	44	13.4	14.0	11.8
<u>San Juan River</u>					
Chama Divide (B)	3/01	18	4.4	5.1	3.0
Chamita (B)	2/27	30	9.3	8.7	7.3
Upper San Juan	2/27	67	24.4	32.3	24.5
Wolf Cr. Pass (B)	2/27	60	21.6	27.5	22.0
Wolf Cr. Summit	2/27	64	20.7	31.7	22.5
GUNNISON BASIN					
<u>Gunnison River</u>					
Alexander Lake	2/27	54	16.7	19.4	17.4
Blue Mesa	2/27	38	9.5	7.3	6.9
Butte	2/25	46	19.2	10.5	---
Cochetopa Pass (B)	2/26	24	5.4	5.8	4.8
Crested Butte	2/27	49	15.0	11.1	10.3
Keystone	2/27	59	19.2	18.3	16.7
Lake City	2/25	26	6.6	7.1	7.0
Mesa Lakes (B)	2/27	48	15.7	16.2	13.5
McClure Pass	2/27	48	15.7	16.7	14.7
Park Cone	2/28	33	8.7	7.3	8.8
Park Reservoir	2/26	59	17.3	22.0	19.5
Porphyry Creek	2/25	54	16.1	15.6	13.7
Tomichi	2/25	47	14.0	11.5	10.5
<u>Surface Creek</u>					
Alexander Lake	2/27	54	16.7	19.4	17.4
Mesa Lakes (B)	2/27	48	15.7	16.2	13.5
Park Reservoir	2/26	59	17.3	22.0	19.5
<u>Uncompahgre River</u>					
Ironton Park	2/27	49	16.0	12.2	11.3
Red Mountain Pass	2/27	65	21.6	29.9	25.4
Telluride (B)	2/27	33	8.7	9.3	6.7
COLORADO BASIN					
<u>Blue River</u>					
Blue River	2/26	32	7.7	7.2	7.4
Fremont Pass	2/22	46	13.2	10.2	12.9
Frisco	2/26	24	5.6	4.9	6.4
Grizzly Peak	2/26	52	15.3	9.5	14.6
Hoosier Pass (B)	2/27	36	9.8	8.5	10.6
Shrine Pass	2/26	52	15.2	12.9	14.5
Snake River	2/26	31	8.0	4.8	7.0
Summit Ranch	2/26	27	7.5	5.0	7.0
<u>Colorado River</u>					
Arrow	2/27	48	14.0	10.7	10.5
Berthoud Pass	2/25	53	15.7	12.0	12.8
Berthoud Summit	2/26	58	17.5	13.1	15.4
Cooper Hill	3/01	37	10.2	7.4	9.0
Fiddler Gulch	NS			---	14.0
Glenmar Ranch	2/25	36	10.0	7.2	7.0
Gore Pass	2/26	28	8.2	7.8	8.6
Grand Lake	2/25	36	9.3	6.0	7.0
Lake Irene	2/26	59	19.0	14.9	19.0
Lapland	2/26	36	10.1	7.4	9.0
Lulu	2/26	60	18.9	13.8	14.9
Lynx Pass	2/26	36	9.3	10.1	10.5
McKenzie Gulch	2/27	30	7.5	5.5	5.5
Middle Fork	2/25	37	10.2	7.8	8.1
Milner	2/26	41	11.8	9.5	---
North Inlet	2/24	32	9.0	6.4	7.6
Pando	2/22	30	8.2	7.1	8.2
Phantom Valley	2/26	33	9.2	8.0	9.3
Ranch Creek	2/27	40	11.6	7.9	7.8
Tennessee Pass (B)	2/27	30	6.6	7.7	8.7
Vail Pass	2/26	50	14.6	12.0	14.5
Vasquez	2/26	47	13.4	8.5	10.2
<u>Roaring Fork River</u>					
Aspen	2/25	54	15.7	12.2	14.0
Independence Pass	2/26	41	10.6	11.2	13.9
Ivanhoe	2/26	58	18.4	14.6	13.9
Kiln	2/26	46	13.3	9.3	---
Lift	2/25	47	13.7	10.8	13.6
McClure Pass	2/27	48	15.7	16.7	14.7
Nast	2/26	31	8.5	6.1	5.5
North Lost Trail	2/27	47	15.6	14.0	13.3
<u>Williams Fork River</u>					
Glenmar Ranch	2/25	36	10.0	7.2	7.0
Jones Pass	2/25	52	15.7	12.4	11.9
Middle Fork	2/25	37	10.2	7.8	8.1
<u>Willow Creek</u>					
Granby	2/25	30	8.2	4.5	6.5
Willow Creek Pass	2/25	40	11.4	8.8	10.4
<u>Plateau Creek</u>					
Mesa Lakes	2/27	48	15.7	16.2	13.5
Park Reservoir	2/26	59	17.3	22.0	19.5
Trickle Divide	2/26	61	19.9	22.8	21.0
YAMPA BASIN					
<u>Elk River</u>					
Elk River	2/26	56	17.5	12.8	15.9
Hahn's Peak	2/26	49	14.2	9.3	---
<u>Yampa River</u>					
Buffalo Pass	2/25	116	40.9	29.8	---
Columbine Lodge(B)	2/26	71	23.5	16.1	20.4
Dry Lake	2/25	67	22.0	16.3	17.8
Lynx Pass (B)	2/26	36	9.3	10.1	10.5
Rabbit Ears	2/26	78	25.9	19.5	21.8
Yampa View	2/27	54	17.1	12.1	13.0
<u>White River</u>					
Burro Mountain	2/26	49	14.3	15.1	15.0
Rio Blanco	2/25	47	14.4	11.3	13.1

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(B) - On Adjacent Drainage

APPENDIX II

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STATION	DATE OF SURVEY	CAPACITY (INCHES)	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVG. ALL DATA
NORTH PLATTE BASIN					
<u>North Platte River</u>					
Muddy Pass	11/14/73	11.1	8.5	7.7	6.6
Willow Pass	11/20/73	9.5	6.1	7.5	6.9
SOUTH PLATTE BASIN					
<u>Boulder Creek</u>					
Alpine Camp	10/19/73	6.9	3.1	3.1	3.8
<u>Big Thompson River</u>					
Beaver Dam	10/19/73	7.1	3.3	4.5	4.1
Guard Station	10/19/73	6.9	2.9	3.2	4.8
Two Mile	10/19/73	9.1	4.5	5.3	5.5
<u>Clear Creek</u>					
Clear Creek	11/26/73	9.5	7.1	7.1	6.8
Hoop Creek	10/18/73	4.9	2.4	2.8	2.9
<u>Cache La Poudre River</u>					
Feather	12/13/73	10.1	5.1	4.5	4.7
Laramie Road	10/17/73	12.4	7.4	6.9	7.8
<u>South Platte River</u>					
Hoosier Pass	9/27/73	7.8	5.5	5.5	4.9
Kenosha Pass	9/27/73	4.4	3.3	3.3	2.6
ARKANSAS BASIN					
<u>Arkansas River</u>					
Garfield	10/19/73	6.7	5.2	5.0	4.0
Leadville	10/18/73	7.8	4.1	4.0	4.1
Twin Lakes Tunnel	10/18/73	4.5	2.2	2.4	2.1
RIO GRANDE BASIN - COLORADO					
<u>Conejos River</u>					
Mogote	11/12/73	10.7	4.7	4.6	5.3
<u>Rio Grande</u>					
Bristol View	11/12/73	6.1	2.3	4.1	4.0
La Veta	10/29/73	11.9	6.4	6.9	7.6
RIO GRAND BASIN - NEW MEXICO					
<u>Rio Chama</u>					
Bateman	10/23/73	6.7	2.7	2.6	2.5
Chamita	10/23/73	8.0	4.4	1.5	2.6
<u>Rio Grande</u>					
Aqua Piedra	2/26/74	7.2	5.2	5.2	3.6
Big Tesuque	10/15/73	3.7	2.0	3.0	1.6
Rio En Medio	10/15/73	3.5	1.6	2.1	1.4
Taos Canyon	2/26/74	3.3	2.1	2.2	2.2
<u>Red River</u>					
Red River Summit	2/25/74	4.8	1.5	1.5	2.1

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ANIMAS - SAN JUAN BASINS					
<u>Animas River</u>					
Cascade	10/25/73	9.1	3.8	7.2	6.0
Mineral Creek	12/10/73	5.7	2.9	3.2	3.4
Molas Lake	10/25/73	9.4	7.1	5.8	4.8
<u>Dolores River</u>					
Dolores	11/15/73	19.6	2.0	11.4	7.7
Lizard Head	11/05/73	11.8	1.2	4.1	6.9
Rico	11/05/73	13.8	1.4	9.3	9.6
GUNNISON BASIN					
<u>Gunnison River</u>					
King	10/19/73	3.3	2.6	2.2	2.0
COLORADO BASIN (Mainstem)					
<u>Blue River</u>					
Blue River	9/27/73	4.2	3.3	3.2	2.8
<u>Colorado River</u>					
Berthoud Pass	10/18/73	3.9	3.2	3.2	2.8
Gore	11/20/73	4.9	2.4	3.1	3.1
Grand Mesa	10/23/73	12.5	11.3	12.3	10.3
Ranch Creek	10/19/73	8.7	4.9	5.4	5.8
Vail	11/26/73	12.3	7.1	6.9	7.0
<u>Roaring Fork River</u>					
Placita	11/28/73	9.3	4.4	7.8	5.5
YAMPA BASIN					
<u>Yampa River</u>					
Hahn's Peak	11/14/73	19.0	8.6	12.1	8.4

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